

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HPAC)  
OF  
ARIZONA STATE PARKS  
MEETING OF August 17, 2009  
Arizona State Parks, Board Room  
1300 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ**

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Thorne called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Ms. Shulman called the roll and noted that there was a quorum.

Committee Members Present:	Winston Thorne, Chair Tess Nesser Joe Nucci Vic Linoff ( <i>via telephone</i> )
Committee Members Absent:	Bonnie Bariola Tami Ryall
Arizona State Parks Staff Present:	Doris Pulsifer, Chief of Grants Vivia Strang, Historic Preservation Grants Coordinator Bill Collins, SHPO Ruth Shulman, Advisory Group Coordinator
Guests:	None

**B. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**

This item dispensed with in the interest of time.

**C. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Approval of the January 29, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Nesser moved to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Nucci seconded the motion, which carried with no further discussion.

**2. Appoint a Representative to Present a Report on HPAC to the ASP Board at their November 13, 2009 Meeting and Topics for the Presentation**

Ms. Pulsifer said that this meeting with the ASP Board will continue a process began in November 2008. The idea is that the Board will hear from each advisory committee about accomplishments, issues, and concerns.

Mr. Linoff noted that he was available and can make the presentation if necessary. He feels that the focus of the presentation should be on the restoration of the Heritage Fund moneys to their designated uses. The grant suspensions in the FY2009 cycle created a loss of momentum in the historic preservation grant program. Mr. Linoff noted that we need the help of the ASP Board to prevent this interruption in the future.

Mr. Nucci moved to return Mr. Linoff and Chair Thorne as the representatives for Historic Preservation Advisory Committee to the Arizona State Parks Board at the

November 13, 2009 meeting, and to make a presentation of information. Ms. Nesser seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Mr. Linoff said that the primary goal should be to protect the Heritage Funds; he sees a ballot initiative as the ultimate protection. That is part of the larger discussion. For right now, legislators can be lobbied. Mr. Linoff is also concerned with ASP repurposing funds for the park operations. The Heritage Funds were created with specific purposes in mind and should not be used for other purposes. He appreciates the efforts, however, to prioritize restoration of the grants. The grant projects create an economic multiplier effect in communities.

Mr. Nucci said that he had attended ASP Director Renee Bahl's special budget meeting for the Heritage Alliance (Alliance) and ASP advisory committees at the end of July. At that meeting, Director Bahl had given the wording in the statute that allows repurposing the funds. He found it supportable but not agreeable that the repurposing is allowed. Taking the Heritage Fund back to the ballot should definitely be a future goal.

Mr. Linoff said that is one possibility if there is enough support. He said that some of the original language in the statute is vague, so repurposing funds may be legal but it does not agree with the philosophy of the Heritage Fund. It's not what voters intended and not what voters currently think the funds are used for. The statute should be revised not only to protect the uses of the fund, but also to add a provision that will adjust the distributions for inflation. The fund distributions for its specific purposes should grow with economic changes. That would allow more money for all Parks' programs.

Chair Thorne said that one concern he has with the suspended grants projects is that the progress may not be sustainable, and conditions may worsen. Mr. Linoff noted that ASPB has little authority to contravene the Legislature on how funds are appropriated or "swept". He would like to see the ASP Board engage more with the Legislature. He would also like to see the historic preservation community and Arizona residents in general lobby for support of the Heritage Fund and ASP in general.

Chair Thorne said that lobbying on both sides (Parks and citizens) would be helpful. He noted that each project is a success story. Mr. Linoff said that he feels the economic multiplier effect of projects in communities is largely "under the radar".

HPAC at this time voted for the reappointment of Chair Thorne and Mr. Linoff as representatives to the November 13, 2009 ASP Board meeting. The motion carried.

Mr. Nucci noted that the presentation made in November 2008 demonstrated the accomplishments made through the Historic Preservation Grant program across the state, including the dollar values. A slide projection show of projects ran continuously in the background and was a very effective demonstration.

Ms. Nesser asked if the Heritage Fund could be "grandfathered" into the Voter Protection Act that came after the Heritage Fund passed with voter approval. Mr. Collins noted that there is a move within the Legislature to ask voters for more leeway in "sweeping" voter protected funds when the state is in financial straits.

Mr. Linoff reiterated that the Heritage Fund could also use some amendment toward more specific language and an inflation adjustment. He feels that the ASP Board could lead that charge if nothing else. It is difficult and expensive to mount a ballot campaign.

Some discussion followed as to whether the Legislature is looking to repeal or suspend the Voter Protection Act, as well as the ASP Board's role in getting amendments and revisions to the Heritage Fund statutes. It was reiterated that although this topic had been addressed in the 2008 presentation, the issue could not be repeated often enough.

Chair Thorne noted that the presentation to the ASP Board in November could plant seeds toward some of the desired outcomes for the statutes. In the meantime, HPAC should agree on some points to make in the presentation and get agreement on the final. Some discussion followed on having a special workshop meeting on the presentation. Ms. Pulsifer noted that a meeting of HPAC is already scheduled for October 5, 2009. Staff could gather HPAC comments in the meantime.

Mr. Nucci wondered if the Alliance could be invited to HPAC meetings in order to "co-opt" them on working on the Heritage Fund statutes, and to keep them informed as to HPAC. An Alliance member could be recruited to join HPAC since there are two vacancies to be filled. Chair Thorne asked about the protocol of someone being a member of both the Alliance and HPAC. Ms. Pulsifer noted that HPAC meetings are public, and Alliance members could attend in any case. She did note that the Alliance has been somewhat over-eager to publicize the results of ASP Board actions regarding Heritage Fund grants, resulting in mixed messages to the public. Discussion followed on the best way of involving the Alliance with HPAC.

Mr. Nucci said that he still felt the slide show was very effective at the last presentation. He asked if it would be possible to do a workshop meeting in September to work on the presentation. Ms. Pulsifer noted that it would be good to schedule any workshop meeting following the ASP Board's meeting on September 11. A brief discussion of availability followed with September 21 being the agreed upon date to schedule a workshop.

#### **D. REPORTS**

##### **1. Parks Board Actions on HPAC Items**

There were no action items for the Board resulting from the last HPAC meeting.

##### **2. Agency Budget Update**

Ms. Pulsifer said that at the August 3 ASP Board meeting, the Board voted to reinstate the suspended Heritage Fund grants, contingent upon the Legislature passing (and the Governor signing) the Environmental Budget Reconciliation Bill (BRB) and a favorable review from the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC). Both these items should be completed by mid-September, but they have not happened yet. Staff has informed participants to stand by and will inform them when and if the contingencies are met. Staff will also urge participants to complete their reinstated projects as soon as possible. She mentioned also that the Heritage Alliance had said publicly that the ASP Board had reinstated both suspended and terminated grants, which was not the case. Terminated grants remain terminated. The ASP Board also cancelled the grant cycle for FY2010, and it remains unclear at this point whether the funds will be available to hold a grant cycle for FY2011.

(Mr. Linoff left the meeting at this point, seeing that there were no action items remaining on the agenda.)

##### **3. Grant Staff Report**

Ms. Strang distributed copies of the Governor's Historic Preservation Awards luncheon agenda from the Historic Preservation Conference recently. Ms. Strang had developed a process to make nominations on the Project of the Year for Historic

Preservation. The process, involving completed projects, is based on grant scores, historic significance, public events and administrative scores. The top five high-scoring projects are recognized and this year's are: Wickenberg-Boetto House, Peeple's Valley Schoolhouse, the Children's Museum, the New State Motor building, and the Old Adobe Mission in Scottsdale. Those projects were nominated for Governor's awards, and the following projects were awarded: Wickenberg-Boetto, Children's Museum, and Peeple's Valley Schoolhouse. Ms. Strang also highlighted the Silver King Hotel Rehabilitation project and the Winslow-Hubble Trading Post project, which were both Heritage Fund projects. She also provided members with a copy of a letter from Wickenberg about the Boetto House and other projects.

Ms. Strang also presented a class at the Historic Preservation Conference about planning for a historic preservation project. The class was well attended, and she has been invited to present the class at the Governor's Regional and Rural Redevelopment Conference upcoming.

Citizen's Cemetery in Prescott holds an annual Memorial Day Ceremony at which Ms. Strang was also invited to speak. The event was covered by the Prescott Courier.

Ms. Pulsifer noted that these items could be part of the presentation to the ASP Board. Chair Thorne mentioned the value of community involvement with the projects. Ms. Strang also mentioned the State Motor Building ribbon cutting, also presented in the local paper.

In addition, Ms. Pulsifer and Ms. Strang had met with the Arizona State Lottery and received a one-time gift of \$2,500, which was used to create brass plaques to award those projects deemed to be Projects of the Year. Twenty plaques were purchased, and HPAC could organize an awards ceremony at an ASP Board meeting. Mr. Nucci asked for the vendor, which is Eric Landmark in Michigan.

#### **4. SHPO Report**

Mr. Collins said that SHPO had been awarded a \$77,000 grant from the National Park Service (NPS) Route 66 Corridor project. The grant will allow SHPO to complete identification and inventory of period architecture remaining from when Route 66 was in its heyday (early 1920's to early 1970's). Mr. Nucci asked if this grant money was related to Economic Recovery Act (stimulus) funds, and if a proposal needed to be submitted. Mr. Collins noted that there was no proposal for the NPS award, however Ms. Strang did submit a proposal for assistance with some of the suspended grant projects, for which stimulus funds may be available. There hasn't yet been a response.

Mr. Collins also noted the following completed National Register listings since March 1:

1. Arizona State Mental Hospital Administration Building
2. George Dowdy Cottage in Glendale
3. Schilling Ranch in Cochise County
4. McCullough-Price House in Chandler
5. Amandsen Pullman Car in Scottsdale
6. Southern-Pacific Railroad Locomotive #2562 in Chandler
7. Babbitt Brothers' Ice House in Flagstaff
8. Agua Caliente Ranch in Pima County
9. Barrio El Membrilla Historic District in Tucson
10. Burgess-Luteral Historic District in Phoenix
11. North Prescott Townsite Historic District in Prescott
12. Aldea Linda Historic District in Tucson

Archeological sites at the Mesa Gateway Airport were delisted.

Mr. Nucci asked about the next Historic Site Review Committee meeting; Mr. Collins noted the meeting would take place on October 9, 2009.

SHPO Staff remains down three full time employees and two interns, however SHPO is also working with the Federal Government to obtain funding for more hires. Mr. Collins also noted that Jim Garrison, the head of SHPO, will be out on extended leave beginning at the end of August.

Ms. Shulman was asked about the state of new member recruiting for HPAC, as an aside to the staffing item. She replied that there is one member with a term expiring, and one current vacancy to fill. At the moment there are no applications for either position, though there is a tendency for most applications to arrive toward the end of the recruiting period. (September 25, 2009)

**E. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No response.

**F. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS, MATTERS OF BOARD PROCEDURE, REQUESTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS, ASPB DISCUSSION**

Chair Thorne reminded HPAC that early in the year they requested a separate agenda item relating to the ASP Board, and which items HPAC would like to forward to the Board for their information. He would also like HPAC to invite Director Bahl to an HPAC meeting. Mr. Nucci requested an item related to outreach to the Alliance, including possible membership in HPAC.

**G. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

September 21, 2009 – ASP Board Room – 10:00am

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42am.